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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig. _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: Biochemistry, 10 April 2001, Vol. 40, No. 14, pages 4454 to 4458

Document 2: Pharmaceutical Research, June 1998, Vol. 15, No. 6, pages 816 to 818

Document 3: International Journal of Cancer, 15 October 2000, Vol. 88, No. 2, pages 274 to 280

Document 4: Cancer Research, 01 February 1998, Vol. 58, No. 3, pages 519 to 525

Document 5: WO 97/19919 A1 (C & C Research Laboratories), 05 June 1997

Document 6: Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, September 2000, Vol. 10, Issue 17, pages 1939 to 1942

Claims 1-7

The invention set forth in claims 1-7 is novel and involves an inventive step in relation to documents 1-6 cited in the international search report.

Documents 1-6 do not disclose or suggest suppressing the proliferation of cells (particularly carcinoma cells) by inhibiting the functions of peptide transporters.

In addition, the invention set forth in claims 1-7 exhibits industrial applicability.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

As set forth in the claims, the scope of the "peptide transporter-inhibiting substance" that is an active component of the "cell proliferation inhibitor" can be considered to include an extremely large number of chemical substances. At the time the present application was filed, however, the fact that inhibiting the activity of the peptide transporter will definitely suppress the proliferation of cells was not common technical knowledge, and it was not known whether the sulfamide derivatives represented by general formula (1) actually exhibited a peptide transporter-inhibiting activity or not (rather, said derivatives were only known to exhibit an anti-thrombin activity, as indicated in the document WO 97/19919 A1 (C & C Research Laboratories), 05 June 1997 for example). Such being the case, the only chemical substance presented in the description that is considered to exhibit both a peptide transporter-inhibiting activity and an cell proliferation-inhibiting action is the substance that the applicant refers to by the name "AT-264."

As a result, the inventions set forth in the claims cannot be said to be fully supported by the description.